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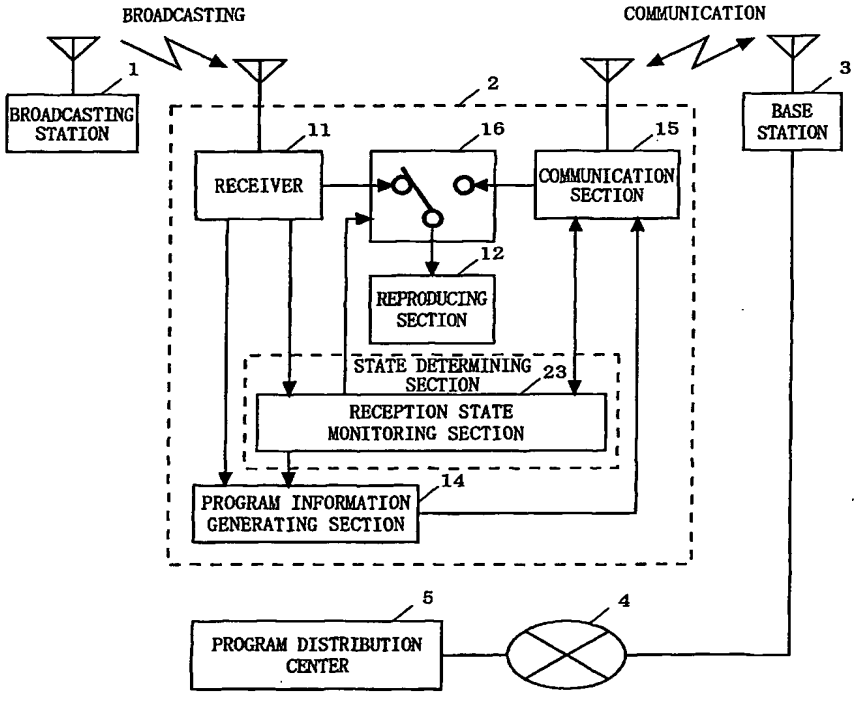

(57) Abstract: A mobile terminal is provided for achieving continuous program viewing/listening by appropriately switching between program reception through broadcasting and program reception through communication with a broadcast receiving function and a communication function working cooperatively. A receiver (11) receives a program broadcasted from a broadcasting station (11). A reception state monitoring section (23) monitors a state of receiving the broadcast program in the receiver (21). If the reception state is in a satisfactory state, the broadcast program is reproduced by the reproducing section (12). Upon determination by the reception state monitoring section (23) that the reception state has been deteriorated, a program information generating section (14) generates program information specifying the broadcast program being currently received by the receiver (11), and then gives the program information to a communication section (15). The communication section (15) communicates with a program distribution center (5) to receive program data corresponding to the generated program information by streaming. The program data received through communication is reproduced instead of the broadcast program by the reproducing section (12).

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